

Dear E&T Committee clerk Energy & Tech Comm Energy & Tech Comm,

Dear Senator Needleman, Representative Arconti, and members of the Energy and Technology Committee,

Please advance a Green New Deal for Connecticut by supporting Proposed Bill 5002.

I'm a resident of Guilford, retired since January 2017. I've been devoting much of my retirement time to learning more about the global climate crisis and how it's already impacting New England, including Connecticut.

I've come to the conclusion that Connecticut is at a crossroads, and that we citizens and elected officials of this state have a once-in-lifetime opportunity to shape a healthier, more equitable, and more vibrant future for its people.

This is why I'm writing to ask the Committee to fully draft and support Green New Deal legislation that will achieve this vision by:

- Regaining the confidence of small businesses and saving money for working families by restoring the Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy funds and protecting ratepayer funds from future budget raids.
- Rapidly increasing use of solar and offshore wind and ensuring clean energy's benefits are accessible for low and middle income families.
- Upgrading coastal infrastructure to prepare for storms and sea level rise, including use of marshes, dunes, and rain gardens to prevent flooding and buffer waves.
- Making it easier for residents and businesses to purchase or lease zero-emission vehicles, and investing in Connecticut's bus and rail systems.
- Generating high-quality employment for tens of thousands of Connecticut residents through a solar jobs training program, infrastructure investments, and community workforce agreements to hire from disadvantaged communities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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